

4 is a partially enlarged sectional view for illustrating the configuration of an arm and the hinges.

[0038] As is shown in FIG. 2, the notebook type PC 10 is preferably constructed such that the mainframe section 12 and the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 are detachable from each other. The liquid crystal monitor unit 13 has a monitor body 41 provided with a display screen 22, a frame (base) 43 connected to the mainframe section 12, and an arm 42 for connecting the monitor body 41 to the frame 43. Further, the monitor body 41 and the arm 42 are rotatably connected to each other by the first hinge 30, and the frame 43 and the arm 42 are rotatably connected to each other by the second hinge 31. Although not shown in the drawings, a signal conductor for video signal (interface cable) and a signal conductor for wireless LAN (interface for data communication) are provided in the arm 42. From the end on the frame 43 side of the arm 42, a video signal connector 44 and a wireless LAN signal connector 45 extend.

[0039] On the other hand, on the upper face of the mainframe section 12 of the notebook type PC 10, a concave frame receiving portion 51 is formed to accommodate the frame 43 of the liquid crystal monitor unit 13. In the frame receiving portion 51, there are provided a connector receiver 52 for receiving the video signal connector 44 and a connector receiver 53 for receiving the wireless LAN signal connector 45.

[0040] In order to connect the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 to the mainframe section 12, as shown in FIG. 2, first of all, the frame 43 of the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 is put into the frame receiving portion 51 in the mainframe section 12, and convex portions 46 extending from the frame 43 of the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 are inserted into concave portions 54 in the mainframe section 12, and screws 47 are threadably installed in holes 55 in the frame receiving portion 51 via holes 48 in the frame 43. Further, the video signal connector 44 extending from the lower end of the arm 42 of the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 is connected to the connector receiver 52 of the mainframe section 12, and the wireless LAN signal connector 45 is connected to the connector receiver 53 of the mainframe section 12. Thus, the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 is connected to the mainframe section 12 as shown in FIG. 3.

[0041] In this state, the video signal connector 44, the wireless LAN signal connector 45, or the like are exposed in the frame receiving portion 51 of the mainframe section 12. Therefore, the opening of the frame receiving portion 51 is covered with a cover 60 as shown in FIG. 3. Then, the cover 60 is fixed to the mainframe section 12 using screws 61. In place of the screws 61, hook type fixtures may be used. As described above, for the notebook type PC 10 of the first embodiment, the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 can be removed from or connected to the mainframe section 12 with ease. Therefore, the user who has purchased the notebook type PC 10 can connect or separate the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 to or from the mainframe section 12 by his/her own hands.

[0042] FIG. 4 is a partially enlarged sectional view of a portion near the arm 42 in the state in which the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 is connected to the mainframe section 12.

[0043] As shown in FIG. 4, the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 is connected to the mainframe section 12 via the arm 42

and the frame 43. Since the first hinge 30 and the second hinge 31 are provided, the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 can be caused to form various angles with the mainframe section 12 by turning the first hinge 30 and the second hinge 31 in the direction of arrow shown in FIG. 4. It is preferable that the connection strength of the first and second hinges 30 and 31 be adjusted so that the notebook type PC 10 can be used in the state in which the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 is set at a predetermined angle. In addition, an engaging portion can be provided or other fixing devices such as a latch can be used so that the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 can be fixed at a predetermined angle.

[0044] Furthermore, as shown in FIG. 4, the mainframe section 12 is formed with a slope portion 12m extending from a front end 51f of the frame receiving portion 51 toward an upper face 12t of the mainframe section 12. By providing the slope portion 12m in this manner, the arm 42 can be inclined further to the keyboard 21 side when the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 is pulled out to the keyboard 21 side.

[0045] FIG. 5 is a perspective view for illustrating a state in which the notebook type PC 10 is pulled out to the keyboard 21 side.

[0046] As is shown in FIG. 5, in this state of the notebook type PC 10, the first hinge 30 is turned, and the arm 42 is raised from the mainframe section 12. Further, the second hinge 31 is turned, and the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 is located on the keyboard 21 side as compared with the state shown in FIG. 1. As a result, the display screen 22 of the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 can be inclined upward so as to face the face of user positioned in front of the notebook type PC 10. At this time, since the lower edge 13e of the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 is located on the keyboard 21 side, the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 of the notebook type PC 10 can be inclined more than in the state shown in FIG. 1.

[0047] Also, in the case where the location where the notebook type PC 10 is installed is relatively narrow, for example, in the use in the state shown in FIG. 1, even when the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 cannot be opened wide with respect to the mainframe section 12, that is, when the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 cannot be inclined sufficiently upward so as to face the user's face (for example, when a front seat of a train exists on the back side of the display screen 22 of the liquid crystal monitor unit 13), the arm 42 is raised by turning the first hinge 30 and the second hinge 31 as shown in FIG. 5, so that the user can set the display screen 22 at an easy-to-see angle. Therefore, because of being usable in various places, the notebook type PC 10 is easy for the user to see.

[0048] The notebook type PC 10 can be folded into a small size like the ordinary notebook type PC. FIG. 6 is a perspective view showing a state in which the lid of the notebook type PC 10 shown in FIG. 1 is closed. When the notebook type PC 10 is not in use, the notebook type PC 10 in the state in which the arm 42 is stored in the frame receiving portion 51 as shown in FIG. 1 can be folded as shown in FIG. 6 like the ordinary notebook type PC by turning the first hinge 30 and by bringing the liquid crystal monitor unit 13 down to the keyboard 21 side. By making the notebook type PC 10 in the state shown in FIG. 6, the notebook type PC 10 can be carried easily, and also the display screen 22 and the keyboard 21 can be protected.